



# Royal Military Police Association

## Hull & East Riding Branch



### Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 5<sup>th</sup> December 2012

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**Members Present:** Steve Woods (SW); Pete Watson (PW); Steve Johnson (SJ); Bob Hare (RobH); Ted Johnson (TJ); Brian Fenwick (BF) Joe Matthews (JM); Bob Boreland (BB); Fred Hemmerman (FH); Dave Emmerson (DE);

**Apologies:** Dave Mitchell (DM); Craig Hemmerman (CH); David Kennedy (DK); Tony Steventon (TS); Andy Jefferson (AJ); Mike Walker (MW); Sandra Robinson (SR); Michael Sutton (MS); Adrian Marshall (AM2); Darren Howlett (DH); Pat Howlett (PH); Derrick Garton (DG); Jon Wild (JW); Andy Doyle (AD); Keith Hill (KH); Trevor Goodfellow (TG); Phil Newton (PN); Andy Murdoch (AM); Brian Petch (BP); Frank Maunder (FM);

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- 1.0 Remembrance – SW opened the meeting (as DM was currently on holiday) at 20.02hrs. The Remembrance was observed by all members.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received as above. PW reported he had received apologies from DM who was on holiday. FH stated that CH sent his apologies as he had to look after his daughter. SJ sent apologies from PH who was unwell. FM was still poorly. FH also stated that TG and KH would not be here.
- 3.0 Absent friends – As details in 2.0. A discussion was had with regard to members who are still suffering with ill health; the branch wishes to be reminded to those who are in ill health.
- 4.0 Minutes Of Previous Meeting – PW stated that he was sorry that no minutes were forthcoming from the previous meeting, but this was due to a change in employment with all the IT upheaval that this entails and that he did not have access to the minutes, nor a printer on which to print them. He will endeavour to add salient points to these minutes that appertained to November's meeting.
- 5.0 Matters Arising –
  - 5.1 Remembrance Parade – BB stated that the turnout for the parade was terrible with only him marching with the Veterans. The matter was discussed with the members, many of whom were engaged in other

activities, such as TJ who was on the Beverley Parade, JM and SW who were at the Branch stand in the Streetlife Museum.

- 5.2 Streetlife Museum – JM stated that the museum staffs were very forthcoming. He stated that they had two very good days with footfall over 1700 (with a normal footfall of about 300). Members of the public approached the stand and had many stories of ex-members of their family who had been RMP. Overall, it was an excellent event and certainly raised the profile of the Branch and has the potential to attract new members.

6.0 Communications – PW reported that the Branch had received the following communications:

6.1 An email was received from Scotland Branch RMPA as follows:

RMPA Scotland (Central) Branch.

With great regret I inform you all that former 2876651 Sgt William Kellas passed away early today (21.11.12) in Aberdeen, following a long illness. He was aged 95.

Details of funeral arrangements:

Service: 1300hrs on Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> November at: Ferryhill Church  
Fonthill Road  
Aberdeen  
AB11 6UD

Interment: 1400hrs On Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> November at: Allenvale Cemetery (Approx 1 mile from church)  
Allenvale Road  
Aberdeen  
AB10 7FF

Yours aye

Bob Leslie  
Secretary  
RMPA Scotland (Central) Branch.

- 6.2 An email was received from RHQ containing an up to date Key Personnel list that we had been asked to check and confirm that all details were correct. This was done and our entry was correct.

6.3 An email was received from Colchester & East Anglia Branch RMPA as follows:

It is with some sadness that I have to inform you of the passing of one of our Branch members

Ex WO1 (RSM) George Falconer passed away unexpectedly on Monday 19th November at his home in Colchester

I have been given the details of his funeral and wake today (Thursday 29th November) by the family and if any RMPA Branch members wish to attend the funeral and wake then they should contact me by Wednesday 5th December 2012 either by email or telephone calls (details below) in order that the catering can be finalised. The funeral will take place at 1100 hrs on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at the Colchester Crematorium, Mersea Road, Colchester, CO2 8RU

The wake will take place at the Donkey & Buskin Public House Layer Road, Layer De La Haye, CO2 0HU.

Members attending are requested to be at the crematorium by no later than 1045 hrs Members are requested to wear Berets, medals and Branch ties, if any Branch Standards are being brought can I also be informed

My Details

My Email: (Redacted)

Home No : (Redacted, contact Branch Secretary for details)

Mobile No: (Redacted, contact Branch Secretary for details)

Yours Aye  
Allan Adam  
Chairman, Colchester & East Anglia  
Branch RMPA

7.0 CESA Report – TS reported the following:

7.1 Neither TS nor DM were in attendance, so there was no CESA report this month.

8.0 Website – no change.

9.0 Standard Bearer - BF stated that he attended the REME Service of Memorial and the Remembrance Day Parade in Hull. BF stated that he was out of pocket in regard of expenses and that he had contacted CESA and that they stated that they would only pay for funerals. FH stated that BF should make a mileage claim direct to him and he would ensure that he was not out of pocket.

10.0 Social Events –

10.1 Ladies Night – FH gave a report stating that 35 members and guests attended. The event was subsidised at £1.95 per head. Members paid £5.00 per head. With the raffle, this event made a slight profit. A full financial break down is available from FH.

10.1.1.1 FH stated that he didn't think we should attend this location again. The buffet was quite small and there was no functional bar in the Bistro. RobH conceded that the Bistro had flattered to deceive.

10.2 Spring Dinner – FH stated that it may be nice to have a Spring Dinner as well as the Annual Dinner in September, something that used to happen many, many years ago. RobH stated that, that was how the Ladies Night originally started and that they used to hold that at the now defunct Cornmill Hotel. PW stated that this is something that would be best carried over to the next meeting when hopefully more members would be in attendance.

11.0 Any Other business: -

11.1 PW proposed that a Pie, Peas and Chips supper be provided for the AGM in January, this was seconded by JM and all were in favour, this was arranged with the Club Steward.

11.2 PW proposed moving the date of the January Ordinary and Annual General Meeting from the 2<sup>nd</sup> January to the 9<sup>th</sup> January as he was of the opinion that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan was too close to the festive period. This was seconded by JM and all were in favour, motion carried.

11.3 BF asked what the dates were for the RMPA Annual Reunion next year and whether there were any rooms still available in the Cedar Court Hotel? PW Stated that it was in 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May and that he was unsure whether there was any availability in the Hotel, but he would check and report back at the AGM.

11.4 BF asked for confirmation of the details of the London Branch RMPA Church Parade at H.M. Tower of London, they are as follows: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2013. Branch Members need to enter the Tower at the East Drawbridge (Yeoman's Entrance) at 10.00hrs. Parade will form up in front of the Yeoman Warder's Club at 10.30hrs for a march through the Tower

to St. Peter Ad Vincula Chapel. The Chapel is perhaps best known as the burial place of some of the most famous Tower prisoners, including three queens: Anne Boleyn and Catherine Howard, the second and fifth wives of Henry VIII, respectively, and Lady Jane Grey, who reigned for nine days in 1553. George Boleyn, brother of Anne, was also buried here after his execution in 1536, as were Edmund Dudley and Sir Richard Empson, tax collectors for Henry VII, and Guildford Dudley, husband to Lady Jane Grey, in February 1554, after being executed on Tower Green. Thomas More and John Fisher, who incurred the wrath of Henry VIII, were subsequently executed, and later canonised as martyrs by the Roman Catholic Church, are also buried here; Philip Howard, a third saint who suffered under the Tudors, was also buried here for a time before his body was relocated to Arundel.

Following the service, the parade will march back to the Yeoman Warder's Club where a buffet will be available in the Club. Cost of entering the Club will be £10.00 per head. This covers the cost not only of the buffet but also the band and extra duty pay.

- 11.5 FH stated that the NVA will be undertaking a pilgrimage to Holland and France in August 2013 and are looking for additional people to attend. Branch Members wanting more information on this should contact FH directly.

- 12.0 The time being 21.04hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by SW. **The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013**, at 20.00hrs, at the Police Social Club, Inglemire Lane, Hull. This meeting will include the Annual General Meeting.

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